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When I became aware that you were undertaking the article on "Geographic Intelligence," I had certain misgivings regarding your ability to gather together all of the ideas, concepts, and practices which have never been committed to paper, yet which are very vital in determining the nature of geographic intelligence as it is today. I feel that your paper reflects the fact that you have not consulted with responsible people involved in the activity, but have basically relied upon your own reservoir of ideas augmented by whatever has happened to come your way.

There is a point of view shared by many, and undoubtedly related to the review of your article, that the writing of an article on geographic intelligence is not at all desirable or necessary, nor is it a subject which can be developed logically into a full-fledged conceptual presentation. It is the view of some that once geography has been defined, there is little more to say than that geographic information and methodology is applied to problems of various sorts to provide the information needed by intelligence officers, planners, etc.

I have examined all of the comments received from the members of the GSA who were sent copies of your article for review. I find that these comments confirm my opinion that the article does not present the nature, scope, and role of geographic intelligence in terms of the current concept and therefore is not suitable for publication in "Studies in Intelligence." From the public relations point of view, I also do not

want to be burdened with the problems of conflicting roles and concepts which are raised as issues in your article.

I have noted also the corrections that were suggested by

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[REDACTED] Editor of "Studies in Intelligence," and find them to be of a minor editorial nature. [REDACTED] who is not involved in the production of geographic intelligence as we are, obviously was not in a position to evaluate the content of the article critically, particularly the conceptual thinking reflected in it, which is my chief concern.

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I therefore repeat my former recommendation -- that you abandon the idea of submitting this article for publication in "Studies in Intelligence."